



TOWNSHIP OF UPPER UWCHLAN
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING
September 8, 2009 (Tuesday)
7:00 p.m.

Attending:

Board of Supervisors

Kevin C. Kerr, Chairman
Guy A. Donatelli, Vice-Chairman
Catherine A. Tomlinson, Member

Township Administration

Gwen A. Jonik, Township Secretary
Mike Heckman, Director of Public Works
John DeMarco, Chief of Police
Karen Wertz, Treasurer
Dave Leh, P.E., Township Engineer
Chris Williams, P.E., Township Engineer

Mr. Kerr called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m., led the salute to the flag and offered a moment of silence.

Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Tomlinson moved, seconded by Mr. Donatelli, to approve as presented the minutes of the August 17, 2009 Supervisors' Meeting. The Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Payments

Mr. Donatelli moved, seconded by Mrs. Tomlinson, to pay all vendors as listed September 6-12, 2009, with Mr. Donatelli abstaining from Check #38617 as it is a client of his Firm. The Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisors Report

Mr. Kerr announced that the southern link is fully open and functioning, alleviating the morning congestion along Route 100 and the traveling public is adjusting to the new intersections. A punch list was prepared for PennDOT and one of the items is to correct the "dip" on Graphite Mine Road at Byers Road.

Chief John DeMarco, on behalf of the Police Department and Board of Supervisors, presented Joel Gramling with an eagle statue, in recognition of Joel's dedication and service to the Community. Joel has been an active volunteer with the Fire Police for 35 years and currently serves as President of the Chester County Fire Police Association.

Mrs. Tomlinson introduced Keith Logan, a long-standing attendee of Emergency Management Planning Commission (EMPC) meetings, and Tom Baynard, a current member of the EMPC.

Mrs. Tomlinson moved, seconded by Mr. Donatelli, to appoint Keith Logan to the EMPC, and appoint Tom Baynard as Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator /Vice-Chair of the EMPC. The Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Kerr read the following calendar: September 12-13, 2009 8:00-3:00 Canine Competition at Hickory Park (Officer Davis and K-9 Charlie will compete); September 12, 2009 8:00 a.m. 5K Run/3K Walk beginning at Pickering Valley Elementary School; September 12, 2009 7:00 p.m. Movie Nite at Hickory Park ("Bedtime Stories"); and September 19, 2009 9:00-3:00 Household Hazardous Waste Collection at New Garden Township Maintenance Building, 8934 Gap Newport Road, Landenberg PA 19350

Mr. Kerr reported the Township Manager Search Committee narrowed the field to three candidates for the Board of Supervisors to interview in the next few weeks.

Public Works Department Report

Mike Heckman reported the Department accomplished the following activities during August: base repairs on Krauser Road, Moore Road, Fellowship Road, Buck Drive, and Deerhaven Way; cleaned/flushed storm

drains; the Contractor has completed road milling and some of the paving transitions will be smoothed. Mr. Heckman is investigating the resurfacing of a portion of Moore Road that has become “polished” over the years.

Bob Fetters, Jr. noted a few depressed manholes, and suggested clearing the sod deterring Moore Road storm water from reaching the inlet boxes.

Administration

Mr. Donatelli moved, seconded by Mrs. Tomlinson, to authorize the advertisement of Ordinance amendments relating to the speed limit and restricted parking on Graphite Mine Road. The Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Donatelli moved, seconded by Mrs. Tomlinson, to approve the Byers Station PRD Modification / Butler House Change of Use Decision & Order as drafted by John Good and dated September 8, 2009 which permits the use of the Butler House, located on Byers Road, as a Professional Office Building as described during testimony at the Hearing, with the conditions attached to the Order so that the change doesn't negatively impact the neighbors.

Mr. Donatelli further explained that the residence is currently falling into disrepair, and Toll Brothers applied for a change in use, to allow a low-impact office use. Testimony was heard and the Decision & Order was drafted with conditions that generally accommodate the residential uses surrounding the Butler House. Access eventually will be changed with the neighboring parcel, the historic character of the property will be maintained, the conditions prohibit future change in use without the Board of Supervisors' approval, and the Condominium Association of the Byers Station Mews will receive notice of any future requests for change in use.

The Motion to approve the Decision & Order carried unanimously.

Open Session

Chris Williams reported the following Graphite Mine Road information: PennDOT is working through the 67 punch list items; the “dip” will be fixed by Allan A. Myers this Friday; the traffic signal at Graphite Mine Road and Station Blvd. is scheduled for installation before the end of the year; traffic flow is building which confirms the road is doing the job it was built to do; the traffic light timing at Byers Road, which seems lengthy, was timed for the larger volume of traffic predicted to occur in the near future -- timing will be re-evaluated periodically, as will the intersection at Wolfington – any changes will occur in moderation; the alignment of the intersection at Wolfington also was built with the future in mind – when Graphite Mine Road may be 2 lanes in each direction. Mr. Donatelli commented that when heading north onto Graphite Mine Road, one of the directional arrows on the traffic light arm should be removed as it gives the impression there are two northbound lanes, and heading southbound from Eagle by the Valero station, the arrows on the ground are misleading. Mike Heckman suggested one of the arrows heading northbound could be changed to a “ball”. Mr. Kerr reported the Township has requested that PennDOT designate Graphite Mine Road as Route 100. Once the “northern link” is dedicated to PennDOT, ‘old’ Route 100 could be designated as Pottstown Pike. Mrs. Tomlinson suggested “old” Route 100 be labeled “Business”.

Steve McNaughton commented that lane markings are misleading and the intersection at Wolfington is awkward. Bob Fetters, Jr. thanked Chris Williams for this evening's information. Residents are encouraged to continue being patient, use caution and travel safely.

Adjournment

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, Mr. Kerr adjourned the meeting at 8:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Gwen A. Jonik, Township Secretary